GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1356
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Rake Points
Tarai Smt. Rita

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to non-availability of required infrastructure at existing rake points and provision of new rake point and two point rakes, supply of fertilizers and its distribution is affected a lot;
(b) if so, the details thereof; and
(c) the steps taken for modernisation of existing rake points, notification of new rake points and provision of two point rakes?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)
(a) No, Madam. Existing facilities are adequate to meet the demand of fertilizer traffic.
(b) Does not arise.
(c) With a view to facilitate development of a network of freight terminals with private investments to provide efficient and cost effective logistics services with warehousing solutions and users, a new scheme namely Private Freight Terminal (PFT) was launched on 31.05.2010, which was further reviewed during the year 2012 and 2015. So far, 37 terminals have been notified for commercial working.
Development, upgradation and modernization of rake points on Indian Railways is a continuous and ongoing activity. 64 works for development, improvement and augmentation of Goods Sheds are already sanctioned.
To further facilitiate loading, a new liberalised mini rake and two point loading policy of covered rake has been introduced in the current financial year.
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